THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) No specific study to obtain the information regarding the reasons for availability of employment to lesser number of people has been conducted, however as per the results of the Second All India Census of Registered Small Scale Industries conducted with reference year 1987-88, it was revealed that more number of tiny units are being set up in rural and backward areas resulting decrease in per unit employment.

(d) Promotion of Small Scale Industries is a state subject. State/U.T. Governments have their own programmes for the development of small scale units particularly labour intensive small scale units. The Government of India provides various types of concessions and incentives for encouraging establishment of small scale units.

National Quality Council

†@@@@1952. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a National Quality Council in the country;

(b) if so, what is the purpose of setting up such council;

(c) whether inferior quality products being manufactured and sold in the country would have any check; and

(d) if so, the details of the remedial steps being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) The proposal regarding setting up if a National Quality Council is under consideration of the Government.

Separating production of explosive and accessories

1953. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE:

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of explosives and manufacturing of accessories have been put in special schedule in the new Industrial Policy;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would reconsider its policy and separate the two, i.e. explosive and accessories, especially detonators, so that it would be easier for the private entrepreneurs to get success to produce the accessories without much hindrances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) In terms of the Industrial licensing policy notified vide S.O. 477(E) dated 25.7.91, Industrial Explosives including Detonating Fuses, Safety Fuses, Gun Powder and Pyrotechnic products are covered in Schedule II (i.e. the list of indusries in respect of which industrial licensing is compulsory) to the notification.

No proposal for review of the above Industrial Policy in regard to erplosives industry including its accessories is under consideration.

†@@@@Previously Unstarred Question 670 transferred from 29th April, 1993.